



Hualapai Day Care
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Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Hualapai Day Care plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories: Direct Services/Subsidies and Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices.

1. **Direct Services/Subsidies:** The Hualapai Tribe supplements funding for the Hualapai Day Care budget. With the pandemic state we are in the Hualapai Tribe is very limited as to what they can supplement due to a lack of revenue from the Tribe's Grand Canyon Resort Corporation.
 - CRRSA funding will assist to remain open to provide care to working families in need of child care during and after the pandemic and provide jobs for community members.
2. **Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices:** The Hualapai Day Care was re-opened on October 1, 2020 after being closed for 6 months. During this time a COVID-19 Precautions Plan was put in place to ensure children and employee's health and safety as a number one priority. We will continue to do this with CRRSA funding.
 - Provide necessary PPE to children and Day Care providers

- Purchase equipment to fog classrooms after possible exposure and on a weekly basis.
- Purchase necessary cleaning supplies to sanitize and disinfect daily.
- Purchase barriers for Day Care center.
- Purchase a generator for emergency situations that may arise such as power outages

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers
N/A

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic: There is a need for additional child care within the community due to lower enrollment at Day Care to practice social distancing. I have met with Child Care Resource and Referral and will be sharing (via radio and local newspaper) training opportunities to become a professional in-home provider. If individuals pursue this the Hualapai Day Care will assist in the purchase of items needed to provide care (e.g. high chair, outlet covers, books, guidance, and training opportunities).

5. Other: Quality improvement of classrooms and landscape of outdoor play areas to allow more outdoor learning, physical activity and fresh air opportunities.

- Picnic tables and benches
- Grass, trees, wood chips, sand
- Outdoor Equipment
- Classroom Equipment

The Hualapai Day Care will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

*Tribal revenue has dropped drastically. We would like to clarify if CRRSA funds can be used to make up funding losses.

Sincerely,
/s/

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